

HIGH AUTHORITIES OF MORMON CHURCH ADDRESS THOUSANDS

stewardship which will be acceptable in the eyes of the great Judge, our Lord and Master.

"We have gained sufficient experience by this time to realize that no man, no individual, no clan nor sect, can combine with a power sufficient to overturn the purposes of the Almighty or any cause of his making.

"Many and many individuals in times past thought they were going to make a wonderful reformation in the church, and in a short time they anticipated that our people would desert the standard and that they would follow a new shepherd. The people of God know the voice of the true shepherd and will not heed the stranger's voice or the counsel of him who assumes un-just authority.

Are Steadily Progressing.

"We have had to face the entire world from the beginning until now, and while the world apparently is arrayed against the works of the children of God, we are steadily progressing. It is not that they are vindictive or desirous of harming us as individuals, but they are ignorant; they know not what they do. They know not the truth, therefore they are against the work of God. From the time President Joseph Smith first declared his mission until now the enemies of good have been arrayed against the work.

"Will any man who really loves righteousness, God and purity of life, array himself against the cause, the only object of which is that which they themselves seek? And when they fight against Zion and the church of the Latter-day Saints, they are fighting against truth, knowledge, purity of purpose and advancement.

Duty is Plain.

"The question arises, what shall we do? Our duty is so plain that none should misunderstand it unless he allow the prejudice and weaknesses of human nature to prevail. Our plain duty is to live in a spirit of progress, humility, love of truth more than our own interests and the love of self.

"The Lord told the young man who loved the world, if he desired to be perfect he should sell all he had and give it to the poor and serve the Lord. 'Come and follow me,' he said. 'This may be a simple form of expression, but it contains the essence of truth, that which, above all other things, is of God.

"Every man and woman who has embraced the gospel of Jesus Christ ought to feel in their hearts today, and should feel it in their souls always, that 'Whatever God demands of me, that will I do.'

"We of the faith have reached the point where we can forego the pleasures of home, profit making and the call of affection, consecrating our time to the preaching of the gospel until it is said to us 'It is enough,' and we receive honorable releases to go to our homes.

"If I were asked to give up all I am possessed of for the purpose of building up Zion or the advancement of the cause, I would say 'Father, this is all I have,' and give it all without a regret.

"This I want: I want to live so that, no matter what any man in the world may think, no matter what any one else in the world may do or say, there is but one thing for me to do, and that is to be true to the covenants I have made to my Father in Heaven. I want to live so that I can forgive my brother his trespasses as he would forgive mine. There is no salvation but in the way God has mapped it out; there is no hope for everlasting life but through obedience to the laws fixed by the Father of Life.

Lord is Omnipotent.

"These questions are beyond peradventure. I know them to be true. Therefore I bear my testimony to you that the Lord is omnipotent in that he died for the salvation of mankind, that he rose from the dead and that he took his seat at the right hand of the Master. I shall also assist him.

"It is necessary that we call upon him from time to time, from day to day, admitting our sins and asking his forgiveness. Let us so order our lives that the one desire of our hearts is a prayer for everlasting life.

"Seek to do good unto all men; above all things, be true to your church and yourself. I know that it is Christ's church. I know that the principles of the church of Jesus Christ, as revealed to Joseph Smith, are all true, are of God, and that they will stand forever. Let us do that which is good, leaving undone that which is evil.

"I see in the progress of the Latter-day Saints' work from the time of its conception until now, the mighty, irre-



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President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

sistible power of that wonderful providence that makes for righteousness, I know that same power will become stronger and stronger, and will diffuse the heaven with greater rapidity than ever before.

"We must believe in righteousness any truth, no matter to what subject it may refer. There is no religious belief containing an element of truth that we do not respect for the truth that it contains. Truth will stand forever, for truth must be at the foundation of all things lasting.

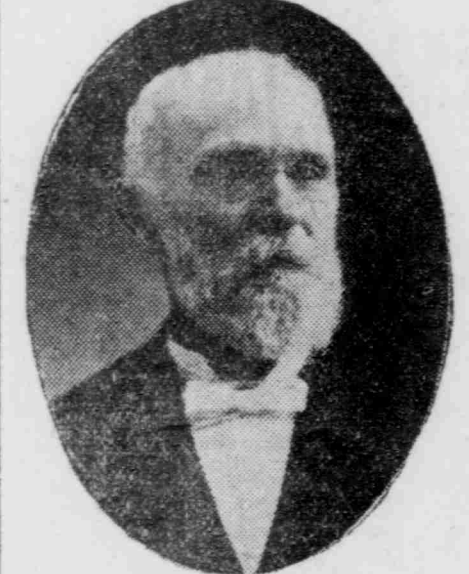
Venerable Counsellor of First Presidency Speaks

John R. Winder, first counselor to President Smith, despite his having passed the 88th milestone on life's journey, delivered his speech yesterday at the conference in a voice which reached to all points of the great tabernacle.

"I am grateful to have one more opportunity of meeting with you in general conference," he said. "I propose to serve the Lord with all of my strength and might for the time that I am permitted to stay upon this earth. I feel under more obligations to the Heavenly Father every day that I live for his mercies to me. There is no one I know of who is under greater obligation to the Lord than I. He has been so kind in extending my days up to the present time, and I offer my thanks for this and for every blessing bestowed upon me.

"I am glad to have the opportunity of speaking to you again and I repeat my determination to go on and especially to keep my covenant sacred and holy as I have done up to this time.

"As I listened to the words of the president this morning I was filled with a new determination to do it in the past. This is the eighty-eighth year of my life. Do you not think the Lord has been kind and merciful to me? I would certainly be ungrateful if I did not serve him during the remainder of our days to the extent of my ability. I shall also assist the president and stand by him in my humble way for the balance of my days if the Lord will give me strength.



JOHN R. WINDER
Of the First Presidency.

"May the Lord be with you, my people, and may he help me to carry out my duties."

President Anthon H. Lund Sounds a Note of Prohibition

is one of great interest and we should encourage all people to study it."

After a report on the missionary work all over the world which has been a successful campaign, notwithstanding the fact that the missionaries have met with civil opposition in several countries, the veteran adviser of the president said:

"We must be on our guard constantly, not only as regards ourselves, but for the welfare of our brothers and sisters. Parents, guard your children; there are many temptations about them. Put a shield between them and temptation that they may remain pure and polished. If we knew of a house where there was smallpox we would not enter there. We ought to be on our guard not to go where there is moral infection or to allow our children to be exposed.

"We have tried during the past winter to have legislation passed that would shield our city from the temptations of intemperance. We want to get the evil of liquor stopped if possible, and our people should be careful to uphold it and its place where liquors are sold. This has been one of our teachings for years.

"We did not succeed in getting a law passed to help us, so we must be more

of our guard.

ANTHON H. LUND
Of the First Presidency

Anthon H. Lund, second counselor to President Joseph F. Smith, was one of the speakers at the morning session of the conference yesterday. He referred to that portion of President Smith's speech asking for the faithful performance of the duties and obligations imposed by their acceptance of the faith.

"It has always been my teaching and my firm determination to carry out as far as lies in my power the covenants I have made with the Lord to carry out in my everyday life the principles for which our church stands. The Lord has sustained and will continue to uphold it and its mission on earth. That mission is to make the universal church of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God on this earth.

"I believe there is more indifference and carelessness among our people than there ought to be, and that it would be well for all to consider the scriptures that formerly were obscure, but now through the grace of God have been made plain.

Seventy-nine years ago Tuesday the church was organized. Since that time what a remarkable history it has had. It

than ever on our guard for the protection of our families.

"We also hoped to have a Sunday law passed, so that amusements on Sunday evenings could be stopped, so that the Sabbath could be what the Lord intended it for, a day of rest and meditation. Let us influence our children, make their homes a place of interest that they will feel there is no better place for them than there. And, they go to evening services there is still time for visits to friends at their homes and for social meetings.

"I do not believe in the Puritanical doctrine that one who is a Christian cannot smile. Serving the Lord is a joy and the face of the true believer expresses that joy. We do believe, though, that the day should be used as the Lord commanded. 'Go to his house; go to his table and renew thy covenants with him.'

"We are not opposed to the young people meeting together and enjoying themselves in their homes, but we do object to the indiscretion of being on the street after the curfew ring. I want to say that the brethren of the different stakes have done magnificent work on the streets. Many boys and girls have been saved from a misstep through the vigilance of these men, who have given hours out of their evenings for the purpose of saving the youth of the church from the contamination of vice.

"I believe further that the church has gone as far as it can in the matter of assisting schools with church means, but the school work is of the greatest importance in the lives of men and women of the time we have been compelled to contend against malefactors and murderers against God and his word as given to us through his servants.

MISSION OF CHURCH IS ALWAYS TO BUILD UP

Apostle David O. McKay was one of the speakers at conference yesterday. His remarks having to do with the early history of the church, its growth and aims.

"One sentence in Counselor Lund's speech has remained in my mind," he said, after expressing his pleasure at being present at the conference. "It is this: 'Every one of us ought to feel that he could do something for the upbuilding of the church of God, whether at home or abroad.'

"When he expressed that sentiment I felt as never before that the mission of our church is to build up, never to tear down. There are two classes of humanity, builders and malefactors, and we are aptly states it. The church from its inception has belonged to the class of builders. All the time we have been compelled to contend against malefactors and murderers against God and his word as given to us through his servants.

"Never have the servants of the church been guilty of tearing down the houses of others, without making another more secure in the house of Christ, nor have the servants of the church made miserable the life of others."

Beginning the mission of the church, April 5, 1830, Apostle McKay went step by step over the history of the Mormon religion to prove that the church has always been on the defensive and has followed the building up rather than the destructive policy.

"Go into the city of the Latter-day Saints," he continued, "and see if everything is not the best that can be found. Our family life is not one of experiments, not one for the purpose of satisfying passion, but an eternal bond between husband and wife, parent and child; one that must be held sacred by man as well as woman. The safety of the nation depends on the purity of the home, and I thank God for the teachings of the Mormon church along this line.

"Yet murmurers and malefactors are ready and willing to attack us about our community buildings and say that our motive is impure. In Minnesota recently they said your sons were not there to preach a pure religion, but to break up the homes of Minnesota citizens. There have always been malefactors who attack us, either through a lack of knowledge of the real facts.

"Let us build up the home. Let us show by our acts that we have a perfect love of religion in every way. Have love and confidence for each other in public or private life, in our business or our homes, even in the priesthood meeting Monday night, and I pray the none of us may fall into the error of becoming malefactors or murmurers."

TWO LITTLE GIRLS SHOT.

Church Trouble Results in Riot Being Started in Denver Saloon.

Denver, April 4.—As a result of the ill-feeling caused by the trouble among the members of the German Evangelical church of Globeville, a suburb of Denver, a riot broke out last night in the National beer house at Globeville, in which a dozen girls were fired, injuring two little girls, Lizzie Wertz, aged 8, and Mary Wolf, aged 10. The girls were struck by the charge of a shotgun supposed to have been fired by Adam Jacoby, Jr.

The trouble grew out of an attempt of a portion of the members of the German Evangelical church to oust Rev. Adam Traut, pastor of the church. Friday night the pastor called on the members of the church to prevent the entrance of part of his congregation which desired to hold a meeting deposing him.

Rev. Traut held service this morning under the protection of a strong force of police.

KING WILL WASH FEET OF TWELVE POOR MEN

Madrid, April 4.—The royal family has returned to the capital for holy week, which will be celebrated with the traditional religious solemnity by the Spanish court. Today the king, accompanied by the grandees of Spain and the entire court, carrying palm branches, marched in the Plaza Sunday afternoon through the galleries of the palace to the royal chapel.

Thursday King Alfonso, assisted by the grandees, will wash the feet of twelve poor men in imitation of Christ, and will subsequently set before them with his own hands a magnificent feast.

ADVANCE AGENTS DINED.

New York, April 4.—The officers of the naval tender Yankton, happily dubbed for the occasion advance agents of the "coal strike," dined at the Hotel Astor tonight by the Friars.

The membership of the Friars is recruited from among the coal miners and agents, hence the title given the guests. Friar Charles Meron Cook, abbot of the order, presided, and Friar A. Foxen Worm introduced the speakers. Lieutenant Commanders C. B. McVey and T. R. Magruder, Wilton Lackaye, Nat Willis, William T. Powers and Lieutenant Bayard T. Burner were among the entertainers.

MRS. FANNY FRIEDMAN.

New York, April 4.—The death of Mrs. Fanny Friedman, aged 48, was reported today. She was born in Hungary, Jan. 3, 1871, and had been ill only a few days. It was her boast that she never had a doctor in her life and was not taken to a hospital until Friday. Five children, fifty-four grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren survive her.

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Lying Lips Abomination to Lord, Says Apostle Ivins

Apostle A. W. Ivins, the youngest in point of service in the quorum of the twelve, spoke at length before the conference yesterday on misrepresentations of the Mormon faith in the form of various publications on sale all over the country.

"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are his delight," he said, advancing to the ed of the stand, he held up a small, red-bound pamphlet. "I found this booklet, 'Utah and the Mormons,' in a book store in Mexico City, purchased it and read it. It is written by a man who was at one time a resident of this state, a scholarly man, and his work is full of facts. Its contents are complimentary, misrepresentations of facts occur on almost every page. It contains falsehoods most glaring, and it seemed to me that there is nothing more outrageous or abominable or further from the truth than the things contained in that book.

"Our social system is misrepresented, no attempt being made to show things as they really are. It assails the Book of

Mormon. I thought when I read this attack how dangerous are lying lips and what trouble can come to a people through a lying pen.

Apostle Ivins cited the various authorities, disproving the claim of the author of the pamphlet, and ended his speech by saying:

"I am not calling attention to these matters so much to strengthen your faith or mine, but to show how easy it is to discuss matters of which one may be ignorant, working untold damage by statements which are false, though possibly not intentionally malicious. The Lord will hold us responsible for the things we say which are not true. If the Book of Mormon can be disproved, a blow is struck at the very base of the Mormon belief, but the blow even then would not be a mortal one.

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